

C.P.P.S. Founder To Be Cannonized

(See Supplement)

Joel Francoeur Wins Council Presidency By Landslide

Prom Committees Completing Work For the Big Dance

With the Junior Prom featuring Ralph Marterie and his downbeat orchestra, just one month away, some of the various prom committees have already finished their work for the May week-end. Tickets for the prom have all been secured and will be put on sale immediately after the Easter vacation, according to John Gorman, chairman of the tickets committee.



RALPH MARTERIE

To appear at the prom

Tickets for the Student Council Revels, to be held the night before the prom in Raleigh Hall, will also go on sale shortly following the Easter vacation. In order to secure a ticket for the Revels, a student must first purchase a ticket for the prom. As previously announced, tickets for the prom will be ten dollars a couple and the tickets for the Revels will be two dollars a couple.

Housing Chairman Bill Gillen has announced that prices for accommodations the week-end of the prom have not yet been settled.

The Hoosier Inn in Rensselaer will provide accommodations for approximately 35 dates with the prices to be decided upon by the individual student and the hotel management. Reservations will be taken. However, at the Rensselaer Hotel, the prom committee has secured accommodations for 50 girls at a yet undetermined price. These rooms may be reserved through the committee at a later date.

A housing survey is now being taken throughout the town of Rensselaer to determine how many girls could secure accommodations in private homes. There is also a possibility that the infirmary may be used for housing.

CP's Give Play At Notre Dame

Members of St. Joseph's Columbian Players traveled to Notre Dame University last week-end to participate in the one-act play contest held at the university. "Hope Is a Thing With Feathers" was the play presented by the drama club in the contest. This play was judged the best of the three presented in Raleigh Hall on March 21 and 22.

Members of the cast were: Terry Flynn, Jim Thompson, Ron Aygarn, Ken Ryan, John Good, Gerry Gladu, Ray Gregoire, George Stockelman and John White. Mr. Lee J. O'Connell, Director of the Columbian Players, accompanied the club on the trip.

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Political Refugee Talks On Latin American Commies

By G. R. Gladu

Luis Beltranena, Ph.D., a political refugee from Guatemala, spoke on the Communist infiltration methods in Latin America on April 2. Before an interested audience of students and faculty members, Dr. Beltranena gave his own personal account of the Communist infiltration of his native country which forced him to leave his job as a city attorney and seek refuge in this country on Jan. 29.

In opening his address, Dr. Beltranena described the feeling of the people of Latin America. A current move toward nationalism is sweeping through the countries as they try to become as independent as possible in economic, political, and industrial matters. Traditionally they are opposed to the Anglo-Saxon world with whom they fought their battles for independence, and they are looking for a balance of power in the western hemisphere to balance the power of the United States.

Develop Their Own System

They are now trying to offset the dollar interest of America by developing their own system of Capitalism. Along with this they are trying to industrialize independently of the United States. All these factors tend to develop the feeling of nationalism.

The Communists are hiding behind this screen of nationalism to exploit these South American countries for their own uses. The countries themselves were, and still are, backward countries and offered little resistance to the invasion of the Communists.

There exists in these countries a class system that dominates the life of every citizen. In many cases the economic and political power of the entire country is held by a few individuals or by a few large companies exploiting millions of the poorer class. Thus a tremendous social difference or gap has arisen between the upper and the lower classes. The educational policies of the countries are sadly inadequate

and transportation is also poor. All of this offered a splendid opportunity for Communist infiltration.

The Upper Class First

Striking at the upper class first, the Communists moved into power with surprising ease. First the radicals and the intellectuals of the

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Eastern Rite Mass Held In Chapel

On Monday evening, March 28, St. Joseph's auditorium was the scene of a lecture given by Rev. Feodor Wilcock S.J. He spoke on the Eastern Rite of the Roman Catholic Church. Father Wilcock informed his audience, composed of students and faculty members, of the various rites of the Eastern Church and also of the problems being faced today in Communist countries.

For many years Father Wilcock labored in these countries until being forced out by the Communist regime. At the close of the lecture, Fr. Wilcock answered questions raised by the audience.

The following morning, he offered a Mass in the college chapel in the Eastern Rite. Many persons took advantage of the privilege of receiving Holy Communion under both species.

Father Wilcock was born in England in 1905, and later entered the Jesuit order. Since that time, he has worked in several places including Poland, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and the Philippine Islands.

At present he is stationed at the Russian Center located at Fordham University, New York. Here, together with a group of other priests, he is helping to train priests in the Eastern Rite in order that workers may be available to go to Russia at the fall of Communism, which Father added is "sooner than most persons believe it to be."



JOEL FRANCOEUR

New council president

St. Joe Singers To Give Concert In Chicago Sunday

St. Joseph's Glee Club, Choir, and Concert Chorus and the members of St. Joseph's Extension chorus will contribute their share to St. Joseph's building fund and organ fund this Sunday. The two funds will be enriched by the receipts from the club's largest choral concert of the year at Thorne Hall, on Northwestern University's downtown Chicago campus.

The hour-and-a-half program will combine the talents of all St. Joseph's choral groups in a Palm Sunday afternoon of sacred and serious music. The concert opener will feature the seminarian choir in four selections of sacred music especially appropriate for Holy Week. Those to be presented are: "O Bone Jesu," by Palestrina; "Christus Factus Est," a Gregorian chant; St. Matthew's Passion; and "Tenebrae Factae Sunt," by Michael Haydn.

The Passion, a segment of that sung in Latin on Palm Sunday, will be presented in English, the choir taking the role of the crowds. Soloists will be the Rev. Leonard Kostka as Christ, the Rev. Clement Kuhns as all other single individuals, and the Rev. Raymond Gera as the narrator.

Glee Club, Chorus Combine

Following the choir, St. Joseph's Glee Club and the Extension chorus will combine for three numbers: "Adoramus Te Christe," by Palestrina; "Panis Angelicus," by Franck; and "Ave Maria," by Schubert. Soloists for the second number will be the Extension's Miss Evelyn Sabol, who sang with the St. Louis Municipal Opera this past summer. The Concert Chorus, consisting of the Glee Club and Choir, will close the first half of the program with "Heart of Mary, Pure and Fair," by Seydler, and "Magnificat," as arranged by Nieland.

The Glee Club will feature soloist Bob Gregoire to open the second portion of the concert. Gregoire will be assisted by the Club in the "Kashmiri Song," by Hope, and "Mighty Lak a Rose," by Nevin. The Club will also present "Scandia," by Gaines. The mixed chorus

Other Officers Selected In Council Elections

Joel Francoeur, a Business Administration major from Anderson, Ind., is the new Student Council and Student Union president. Francoeur, a junior, swept into the position on a landslide of votes, easily defeating his opponent and fellow junior class member, Bill Feely of Brookfield, Ill. The new president succeeds senior Hugh McAvoy who had held the post for the past two years. Francoeur polled 319 votes as opposed to 60 for Feely.

In the council election for vice-president, John Quinn defeated Joe Barnett. Quinn, a junior, held the office last year. The voting here was 222 to 153.

Hackman Runs Unopposed

Marvin Hackman, a sophomore from Jasper, Ind., ran unopposed for the office of council secretary. Hackman, a member of the varsity basketball team and Dean's List man, ran unsuccessfully for a class office last year. Maurie Garvey, last year's secretary did not choose to run.

The office of treasurer went to Jim Zid as he defeated Roger Uecker by a margin of 125 votes. Zid served as treasurer of last year's council.

Chosen By Secret Ballot

Candidates were chosen by secret ballot with the voting taking place in Raleigh Hall.

Candidates running for office had previously obtained 25 signed endorsements before March 30. A C average for the previous semester also was required of each candidate.

The final vote on the proposed Student Council Constitution has not yet been completely tabulated but will be carried in the next issue of STUFF.

Members of the election committee were Jim Perkins and Vince Agnew.

Chicago Club Ball Set For Easter

The annual Chicago Club Easter Dance will be held at the Graemare Hotel on April 18, Easter Sunday night. The Graemare is located at 2400 W. Washington Blvd. The price of admission will be \$3.00 per couple, although dates are not absolutely necessary.

The music will be furnished by Don Falls and his orchestra, which also played at the Chicago Club Thanksgiving Dance. This will be the last dance sponsored by the Chicago Club during the current school year.

will then return for "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," by Berlin; "Anywhere I Wander," by Loesser; and "Battle Hymn of the Republic," by Steffe. Miss Sabol will solo in the Loesser piece.

The Hallelujah Chorus

The Concert Chorus will close the concert with "Terra Tremuit," by Henkel and the Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah," by Handel.

The entire concert is being sponsored by the Fathers' and Mothers' Clubs of St. Joseph's. The Rev. Richard Baird was in charge of arrangements.

The Glee Club itself will journey to Joliet April 25 for the annual joint spring concert with the College of St. Francis at the girls' college. A return engagement will be presented at St. Joseph's on May 16. Numbers to be sung include all the mixed chorus pieces from the Chicago concert and several selections by both Glee Clubs.



Dr. Luis Beltranena, a political refugee from Guatemala, discusses the situation in his native country with Rev. Cletus Dirksen, Instructor in Politics at St. Joseph's. The content of his speech is given above.



Do Initiations Have Value?

Recently an announcement of the names of those to be initiated into the Monogram Club was posted in the cafeteria. On the announcement, someone had penciled "this will separate the men from the boys." As you all probably know, there were those that dropped out of the initiation ceremonies. Which, we wonder, were the men, and which were the boys.

Certainly, you do not often see men who are willing to expose themselves to the indignities that the prospective members of this club were forced to undergo. Granted that the initiation may prove just how much physical punishment an individual can endure, but it also has the bad effect of bringing out the worst characteristics of some of those who are initiating.

We feel that this thought deserves everyone's consideration—does an initiation of this type actually accomplish anything besides the branding of a few individuals who do not go along with the crowd?

The Monogram Club initiation was comparatively well organized and conducted, but we have witnessed one initiation this year that most certainly degenerated into anarchy, and accomplished little but the creation of ill will.

Some colleges and college organizations have turned their traditional initiation ceremonies into such constructive projects as painting, planting trees, and putting up fences, etc. A plan of this sort does accomplish worthwhile results and is worth thinking about for the future. There are certainly plenty of opportunities for such projects available to any class or club on any college campus.

R. U.

Spring Has Sprung

Spring is here. The season of blossoms, proms, young men's thoughts, and optimism, particularly optimism, is with us once again. A Chicago sports announcer avidly swears "Minnie" and the boys will take those hated Yankees THIS year. Trucks should win 20. A few, a very few, even look for improvement in the hapless Bruins.

The "Rock" has only optimistic sayings about his June fight with Ezzard Charles. Troy Ruttman predicts he will win the 500 this year. Everybody is optimistic.

So why not bring a handful of this optimism onto the campus? Who knows? Maybe "Whale" and the boys will take those Crusaders this year. Dwinell should win quite a few ball games this year. The hitting should be terrific with so many lettermen on the squad. Coach Beane looks happy. It looks like a good season for the Pumas.

The term *track team*, formerly used in humorous sayings on campus, can now stand for a group of organized young men, capable of competing in intercollegiate athletics. A full-time coach and the proper equipment can accomplish this change in any school.

The cindermen may not break any records this year, but they will make their presence known in the ICC. And with a little more experience, they may bring back a trophy or two.

And while we are verily winning baseball games and track meets, we may as well win a few football games on the same page. St. Joe hasn't been a football powerhouse in the past few years and, consequently, new faces have been appearing and disappearing rather rapidly in the athletic offices. But we like what we see in the face of this new coach; honesty, sincerity, gentleness.

We think he will stay for a while. At least we hope he will stay for a while. It's too early to say much of the football squad. September will tell. But at least we can be optimistic. It's the season of blossoms, proms, young men's thoughts, and optimism. It's spring.

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English Department Literary Contests Deadlines Near

There is less than one month remaining in which to enter the two annual literary contests sponsored by St. Joseph's. May 1 is the deadline set for the contests by Rev. Rufus Esser, head of St. Joseph's English department.

The two contests are the Alumni Essay Contest which offers a first prize of \$25 and a second prize of \$15, and the Mary J. Pursley Award for Creative Writing which offers one prize of \$50. Both of these contests are open to any student of St. Joseph's.

A Formal Essay

Entries in the Alumni Essay Contest should consist of a formal essay, speculative or factual, of approximately 1,500 words. The subject for the essay may be on absolutely any topic.

Anyone who composes a short story, one-act play (or longer), personal essay, or poem (the minimum for poems is 14 lines), is eligible for the Mary J. Pursley Award for Creative Writing.

Entries in both divisions will be judged according to criteria proper to its type. A reasonable degree of neatness in general format and of precision of typing will promote a favorable first impression on the judges and thus help the entry's chances.

Must Be Original

All entries must be original works and may not include a previous winner. An essay that has been entered in the Hanley Science Essay Contest will not be accepted in the Alumni Essay Contest for the same year. If more than one entry is submitted by the same person, a different pen name must be used for each one.

The following four steps are required for each entry: Submit three typed, double spaced copies (carbon copies are acceptable).

On the title page put the title, your pen name, and your real name. Seal the envelope and on the outside write the title and your pen name.

Hand your entry and the sealed envelope to Fr. Esser or to any other English instructor.

Political Refugee

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upper crust of the Guatemalan society were indoctrinated. Many of these were actually sent to Russia for a formal education in the Communist doctrines.

With the coming of the Second World War, and the resulting alliance between the United States and Russia, the Communists gained a stronghold in Guatemala. Moving behind an innocent front, the Communists began confusing the issues of the government until the greater part of the population of the country was befuddled. Hiding behind the screen of nationalism, they claimed they were offering the people social justice, while actually they were obtaining a stranglehold on the country.

Infiltrated the Labor Movement

Their trained labor leaders infiltrated the labor movement and soon they were actually arming the labor forces to combat the army of the country. Communist school teachers soon took over the education of the masses. Land reforms, cleverly conducted by the Communists, gained the favor of the masses. The invaders then formed an alliance with the liberals of the country, backing them in public office, in radio, in the police force, and in other important positions. In this manner, the entire country of Guatemala fell into the hands of the Communists.

The courts of the nations, pointed out Dr. Beltranena, are the key to the entire situation. If the courts are controlled then so is the nation. In the invasion of a country by the Communists, their real issue of control is the judiciary system of that country.

In conclusion, Dr. Beltranena held that the defense against the

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By Bill Feely

Soon it will be time to clean the Collegeville pond. This yearly occurrence, which is as regular as the mid-semester marks, is St. Joe's first indication that summer is approaching. In just two more months Collegeville will be deserted. The twice used textbooks will be put away, and that best part of college life (vacation) will arrive. Come on tennis, start to fugit.

What happened to those yearly rumors that said St. Joe would go coed? Looks like the Pumites have decided that the idea of a Jane Puma is mere wishful thinking. Perhaps, if we had a sufficient number of females here, 75% of the student body wouldn't go home every week-end.

Here's a suggestion from a Drexelite: "Fix the old Cumberland road between Drexel and Route 53."

And speaking of improving the campus, why doesn't St. Joe have a respectable looking entrance? For years Fr. Kostka has been striving to raise funds to erect a statue of St. Joseph. It seems as if a few of our campus clubs could help raise funds for this worthy cause.

When you're having a good time over Easter vacation, don't forget to save \$12. Remember, that in order to get a ticket for the Revels on May 7, you must first purchase a Prom bid.

Looks like the loan went through, and Bennett Hall appears to be more than a dream.

Nothing irks the hard pressed college student more than getting a letter from home, and upon opening it finds nothing but news and love.

Thanks to Bob Michalski for the fine job he has been doing on the prom posters.

I imagine that the statement I made about Senator McCarthy last week caused varied opinions in the minds of mice and men. Since I feel no qualms of conscience this week, I might say that I heartily disapprove of this man's methods and ways. It seems as though our FBI knew of all the American Communists and where they were located, before the senator came along. Now, if a cat wears red underwear, he may be investigated while the confirmed Commies are in hiding.

Little Known Facts: Students at Hompsk Polytechnical Institute in Siberia are producing their own television programs. I wonder if SNOW bothers their reception?

One doctor to another at a draft board pre-induction center: "On the other hand he's in no shape to be a civilian either."

From all indications next years freshman class will be larger than ever. Perhaps, we'll have a St. Joe University some day.

The signing of the new track coach looks like a step in the right direction. It's about time St. Joe had some representative teams in minor sports.

Odds'n Ends: Rensselaer High School wandering about the Biology lab... Buel Adams afraid he may get a B... Frank Del Principe (ex '55) is now a proud pap of an 8 pound boy... Vince Agnew knows all about Pumas, he wrote an article on the origination of the name... Fred Zilch hiding in the storage bins of Rensselaer... Owen Weitzel waking John Gorman up in the middle of the night to tell him his car was wrecked (April Fool)... Fr. Wiues locks the door on late comers to his classes... Compliments to Ted Beemsterboer, Jerry Benigni, Ron Cherry, Jack Phillips, and John St. Mary for making my column this issue... Ed McGovern with his hand in a cast... George Mach, the student with the huge appetite... Cliff Robinson wondering what happened to Crispus Attucks in the Indiana basketball finals... Juniors getting senior yearbook pictures taken a bit early... Larry Schmidt still waiting for his Soc. Sci. notes... Finis.



Shaving in the shallow waters of the College pond is not a new sport at St. Joseph's. Rather it is a common occurrence during the Monogram Club's initiation ceremonies. The little shavers, from left to right: Bernie Horn, Dick Philbin, Frank Syzmanski, Bill Bazil, Joe Kneip, and Jim Zid. Monogram members offering suggestions are Jim Righeimer, Harold Pennington, and Norm Hudecki. Eleven members were accepted into the club.

scourge of Communism is to oppose it with a strong and just doctrine that will stir the hearts of men. Christianity is the only weapon capable of defeating Communism.

Dr. Beltranena's next address on the role of the church in Latin

America will be carried in the next issue of STUFF.

Condolence

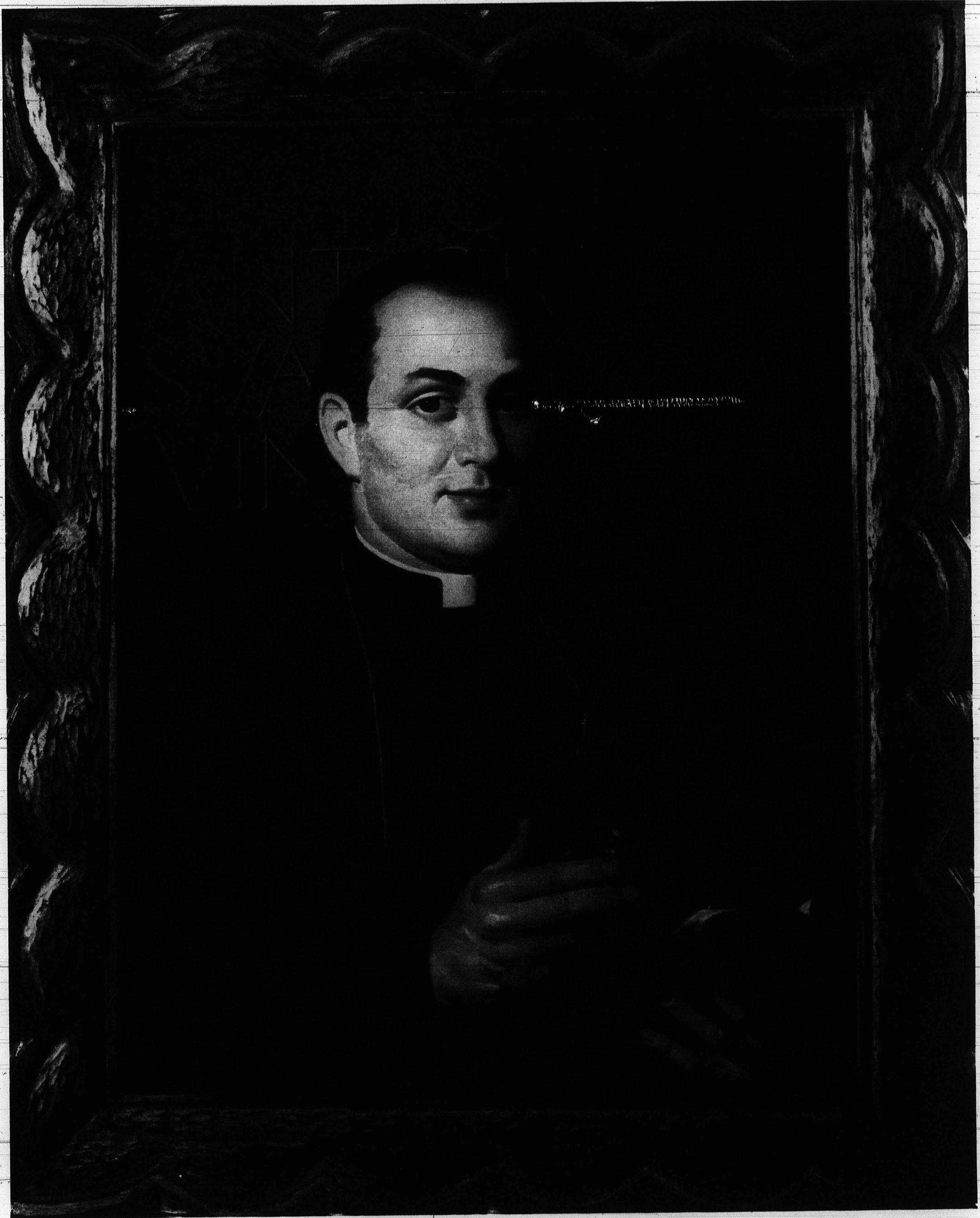
Our condolences to junior Leroy J. Selnek on the death of his father.

BLESSED GASPAR SUPPLEMENT

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BLESSED GASPAR DEL BUFALO

Canonization: What's It Like? - Reporter Gives Preview

By Donald Dirksen

The silver trumpets in the gallery triumphantly pierce the irrepressible waves of hand-clapping, the fluttering handkerchiefs, and the cries of "Viva il Papa," welcoming the Pope as he enters St. Peter's for the most sublime of all ceremonies—the canonization of a Saint. The Sovereign Vicar is borne in procession on the "Sedia Gestatoria," (litter-like conveyance) with the feathery "flabelli" waving over his head, to his elevated throne in the apse of St. Peter's.

St. Peter's capacity of 80,000 bulges into the Great Square. People stand everywhere! There are neither pews nor benches. Only one aisle is left in the center. Statues are lauded. The windows and pillars of the basilica are draped with purple damask and crimson Flem-

ish tapestries. Flood lights and hundreds of chandeliers with 12,000 bulbs supply a blaze more brilliant than the light of day. The statue of St. Peter is decorated with the tiara, the jeweled ring, and crimson cope of state. Banners paint scenes from the life and miracles of the Blessed [Gaspar], and the final step in the canonization of a Saint reaches its acme in a \$50,000 ceremony.

Holy Father beseeched

At length one of the Consistorial Advocates approaches the throne and in the name of the Cardinal Procurator beseeches the Holy Father: "Most Holy Father, the most Reverend Cardinal here present earnestly begs of Your Holiness to inscribe the Blessed [Gaspar], in the catalogue of the Saints of Our

Lord Jesus Christ, and to ordain that he be venerated as a Saint by all the Christian faithful."

The Pope himself does not answer. One of the papal prelates replies that His Holiness has no more ardent a desire, but that more prayer and time are needed. The Pope comes down from the throne and kneels in prayer at the faldstool as the Litany of the Saints is intoned.

A second plea is made with the words, "more earnestly." The Pontiff remains kneeling and chants the Miserere. Arising, he intones the "Veni Creator Spiritus" for the beautiful Sistine choir.

A third plea is made

Now a third plea is "most earnestly" made. Kneeling with arms outstretched before the Pontiff, the

papal spokesman commands him: "Arise, Peter, in person, living in your Successor, and speak." Turning to the thronged faithful, he continues, "And do you listen in reverence to Peter's infallible pronouncement."

The triple crown is set on the Vicar's head. He stands and all the people arise with him. Speaking as the Infallible Leader of the Catholic Church, he solemnly declares:

"In honor of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity, for the exaltation of the Catholic faith and the increase of the Catholic religion, by the authority of Our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and by Our own; after ma-

ture deliberation, ever imploring the Divine Assistance, by the advice of our Venerable Brethren, the Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, the Patricarchs, Archbishops, and Bishops present in the Eternal City, We decree and define as a Saint, and We inscribe in the catalogue of Saints the Blessed [Gaspar], ordaining that his memory be celebrated with devotion every year in the Universal Church."

Te Deum is sung

His Holiness then intones the jubilant Te Deum. High above the dome the silver trumpets echo the refrains with heraldic brilliance.

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'29, '34, '47 Miracles Play Role In Cause

By Don Ranly

It was as recently as 1947 that a miracle obtained through the intercession of Blessed Gaspar set the Congregation of Rites to begin working for his canonization. Since two miracles are necessary for the Church's confirmation of sainthood, the miracle in 1947 and one in 1929 were to be used. However, the 1947 miracle was not approved by the medical commission and a miraculous cure occurring in 1934 took its place.

In 1947, Maria Seraphina Blanca of a small town called Putignano, near Barr in southern Italy, had been suffering for 22 years from what was diagnosed as chronic gastro-intestinal catarrh. X-rays had revealed that her right kidney was dislocated. In 1946, at the suggestion of the Fathers of the Precious Blood, she turned to Blessed Gaspar. During the night of March 1, while lying in her bed, she suddenly found herself in the Mission House of the Fathers of the Precious Blood. In her presence was a missionary whom she at once recognized as Blessed Gaspar. He asked her what she wanted of him and after she had told him, he assured her that she would no longer be ill. The woman has been in good health ever since.

Commission not satisfied

The medical commission, however, was not satisfied. A few of the doctors would not exclude the possibility of imagined or produced symptoms of gastro-intestinal catarrh, although other doctors proclaimed definitely that the patient knew nothing of medical lore, much less about a disease called gastro-intestinal catarrh.

Although not used for the necessary two miracles, this cure was indeed significant because, as mentioned above, it called the attention of the Congregation of Rites to the cause of Blessed Gaspar. The case which at that time was to be used with it was the miraculous cure of Francesco Campagna. The cure took place at Campoli Appennino, near Sorra, about sixty miles southeast of Rome on May 19, 1929. The patient had gone from influenza to bronchial pneumonia, with complications of toxemia and meningitis. Death could be only a few hours away. But on that day a new statue of Blessed Gaspar was being carried in solemn procession to the church of St. Pancratius. When the statue passed the house of the sick Francesco, the mother, who had been asking Blessed Gaspar's intercession for the past few days, commanded the young man to implore Gaspar for a cure. Soon Francesco found himself at the window watching the procession. After it had passed, he was able to walk back to his bed, his headache gone. An examination the next day showed lungs, heart, temperature, and respiration completely normal.

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Official Announcement Arrives From Rome; Date Not Settled

By Joe Kneip

Official confirmation of the forthcoming canonization of Blessed Gaspar del Bufalo was received at the college, Tuesday, March 20. The news had been sent by cablegram from Rome to the Provincial Curia in Dayton, Ohio. Expectations of the canonization of Blessed Gaspar, founder of the Congregation of the Precious Blood, have been prominent since the Vatican Press Office released a statement late in 1953 to the effect that his canonization was scheduled for the near future. No date has yet been set for the ceremony.

The canonization of Blessed Gaspar is one of seven planned for this year. The others to be canonized are Maria Crocifissa di Roma, Italian foundress of the Congregation of the Handmaids of Charity; Peter Louis Chanel, a French martyr and priest; Domenico Savio, one of the first pupils of St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesian Society.

A Spanish Jesuit

Vincenzo Pallotti, an Italian priest; and Giuseppe Maria Pignatelli, a Spanish Jesuit who was the official representative of the Society of Jesus in Italy just before the restoration of the society by Pope Pius VII.

In the same group there are three candidates for beatification: Placido, a member of the Benedictine Order; Maria Assunta Pallotta, a member of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary; and Jean Martin Moye, French-born founder of the Divine Sisters of Charity.

Preparations in progress

The priests and brothers of the Precious Blood Society are taking steps to be ready for the historic event whenever it occurs. A Provincial Electoral Chapter originally scheduled for St. Joseph's College on April 20 for the purpose of electing delegates to the General Chapter in Rome has been cancelled. The delegates will be elected by mail.

This General Chapter in Rome is scheduled to take place shortly after the canonization, whenever that occurs; and the eight delegates to the Chapter are to double as the Community's official representatives at the canonization ceremonies.

Other Members

Other priest members of the Community may attend the canonization ceremonies at their own expense provided they have the Provincial's permission and can obtain a substitute outside the Community.

The lay brothers of the Community, also, have been invited by the Provincial to elect two of their perpetually professed members to act as official representatives at Blessed Gaspar's canonization.

It was in 1904 that Blessed Pius X proclaimed the first Marian Year to celebrate the anniversary of the dogma of the Conception. In the same year he also raised Gaspar to the first big step on the road to canonization. Gaspar is now taking the second and biggest step together with the very man who beatified him, and he is taking that step in the second big Marian Year.

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Mural in St. Joseph's College chapel: Gaspar preaching to his fellow Romans.

6 Others to be Canonized, 1954 Marian Year 3 to be Beatified, in 1954 Called Fit Time

By Eugene Torisky

The six Beati scheduled, along with Gaspar del Bufalo, for canonization in 1954 are: Pius X, Vincent Mary Palotti, Giuseppe Maria Pignatelli, Peter Louis Chanel, Dominic Savio, Maria Crocifissa di Rosa.

In addition, three Servants of God—Maria Assunta Pallotta, Jean Martin Moye, and Placido Riccardi—are to be raised to the rank of Blessed.

Seven of the 10 are Italians, two are Frenchmen, and one is a Spaniard.

Blessed Pius X, the 258th successor to the Fisherman's Ring, was born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto in the little town of Riese, near Rome, on June 2, 1835. In his youth he displayed an exceptional aptitude for and love of study. His successes were crowned by ordination

in 1858. Father Sarto was consecrated Bishop of Mantua in 1884, and so outstanding was his episcopate that he was made a cardinal nine years later, receiving the See of Venice. Upon the death of Leo XIII, in 1903, Giuseppe Cardinal Sarto was elected Pope by an all but unanimous ballot. His reign was distinguished by his decree lowering the age for the reception of First Communion, and by his decrees concerning Church music. He died on August 20, 1914, after a reign of 11 years.

A priest at 22

Blessed Vincent Mary Palotti, Blessed Gaspar's confessor, was born of a noble family at Rome on April 21, 1788. He achieved his goal of the priesthood at the age of 22, in 1820. Through personal sanctity he became an astute spiritual director and confessor. On one occasion he disguised himself as an old woman in order to reach the bedside of a dying man, who threatened to shoot the first priest to approach him. Blessed Palotti is remembered as the founder of the Pious Society of Missions. He died at Rome in 1850, and was declared Venerable in 1887.

Blessed Giuseppe Maria Pignatelli was born at Saragossa, Spain, in 1737. He entered the Society of Jesus over the opposition of his family in 1753. Blessed Pignatelli founded colleges in Rome, Tivoli, and Orvieto, and labored to preserve his Society in Italy. During the exile of Pius VII the Jesuits were unmolested in Sicily, largely because of his efforts. He died in 1811, and was beatified by Pope Gregory XVI.

A martyr of Futuna

Blessed Peter Louis Chanel was born at Cuët, France, in 1803. He studied for the secular priesthood and was ordained in 1827. His desire to serve in the foreign missions drew him to the newly formed Society of Mary in 1831, and in 1836 he embarked for his mission, the tiny island of Futuna in the Friendly Islands. After five years of work among these cannibals he

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The Marian Year of 1954 could hardly be surpassed, from the viewpoint of becomingness, for the canonization of Gaspar del Bufalo. The wealth of evidence supporting such a view is undeniable.

It was during the 50th anniversary year of the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, 1904, that Gaspar was beatified by Blessed Pius X. And now in 1954, the 100th anniversary of that same dogma, Pius XII has seen fit to raise both Gaspar and the man who beatified him—Pius X—to the highest honor the Church can bestow, sainthood.

Gaspar, during his lifetime, was very devoted to Our Lady, but he especially honored her under the title of "The Immaculate Conception." Of course, in Gaspar's time it was not a proclaimed dogma yet; it was not until 17 years after his death that Pope Pius IX solemnly declared the Immaculate Conception a dogma of the universal Church. Gaspar, as a priest, had made a vow to preach and defend this privilege of Mary, and he earnestly desired that it be proclaimed a dogma. He also obtained the faculty of distributing to the faithful the blue scapular of Mary Immaculate.

Along with the title of "The Immaculate Conception," Gaspar had other favorite titles for Mary. After his ordination he commonly used the titles "Directress of Missions," "The Victress," and "The Conqueress of Hearts." Wherever he went, he established sodalities in honor of Mary for boys and girls, and he trained them to honor Mary by special devotions to her Immaculate Heart. In 1815, on the feast of the Assumption, Gaspar formally established the Society of the Precious Blood and placed it under Mary's protection. He incorporated into this constitution special devotions to Mary and encouraged his followers to spread her name everywhere.

Now, in the year 1954, the special Marian Year, Blessed Gaspar is to be raised to the heights of the al-



The Blessed Gaspar shrine pictured above was erected in 1949 under the direction of Rev. Richard Baird at the suggestion of Rev. Alfred Zanolari, then college president. It is situated beneath the large picture window of the chancel on the left side of the apse of the college chapel. Strangely enough, when the main altar was carved under the direction of Rev. August Seifert, St. Joseph's first president, over a half century ago, a niche was provided on it bearing the inscription, "St. Gaspar." The wood-carved reliquary now resting at the foot of Gaspar's statue is a souvenir of a World War prison camp and the gift of Rev. Gilbert Esser.—(By Daniel Keilman)

Gaspar Del Bufalo: Historical Sketch Of a Saint-to-Be

By Noel Coughlin

Gaspar Melchior Balthasar del Bufalo was born in Rome on the feast of the Epiphany, 1786, ten years after the American Declaration of Independence and three years before the French Revolution. On the day after his birth he was baptized and christened in honor of the three Magi. Two early childhood illnesses, one a severe case of measles, almost robbed him of his sight and did leave him with a weak constitution for the rest of his life.

The years prior to his studies were stamped with an indelible love for mortification and the Eucharist. He made his fellow altar boys happy, for example, by his predilection for serving an old priest who said his Mass too slowly to suit them. He loved meditation and once tried to enter a strict contemplative order, was even accepted. But there was a catch—he forgot to ask his father. Papa del Bufalo stormed into the Abbey in protest. Gaspar

Early Zeal

Another time, he decided upon the missionary life. Spurred by impulse, he set out on a missionary journey but got only as far as the end of the block, far short of his destination—the Mohammedans—when he was firmly planted back in his father's house. Gaspar didn't argue this time either.

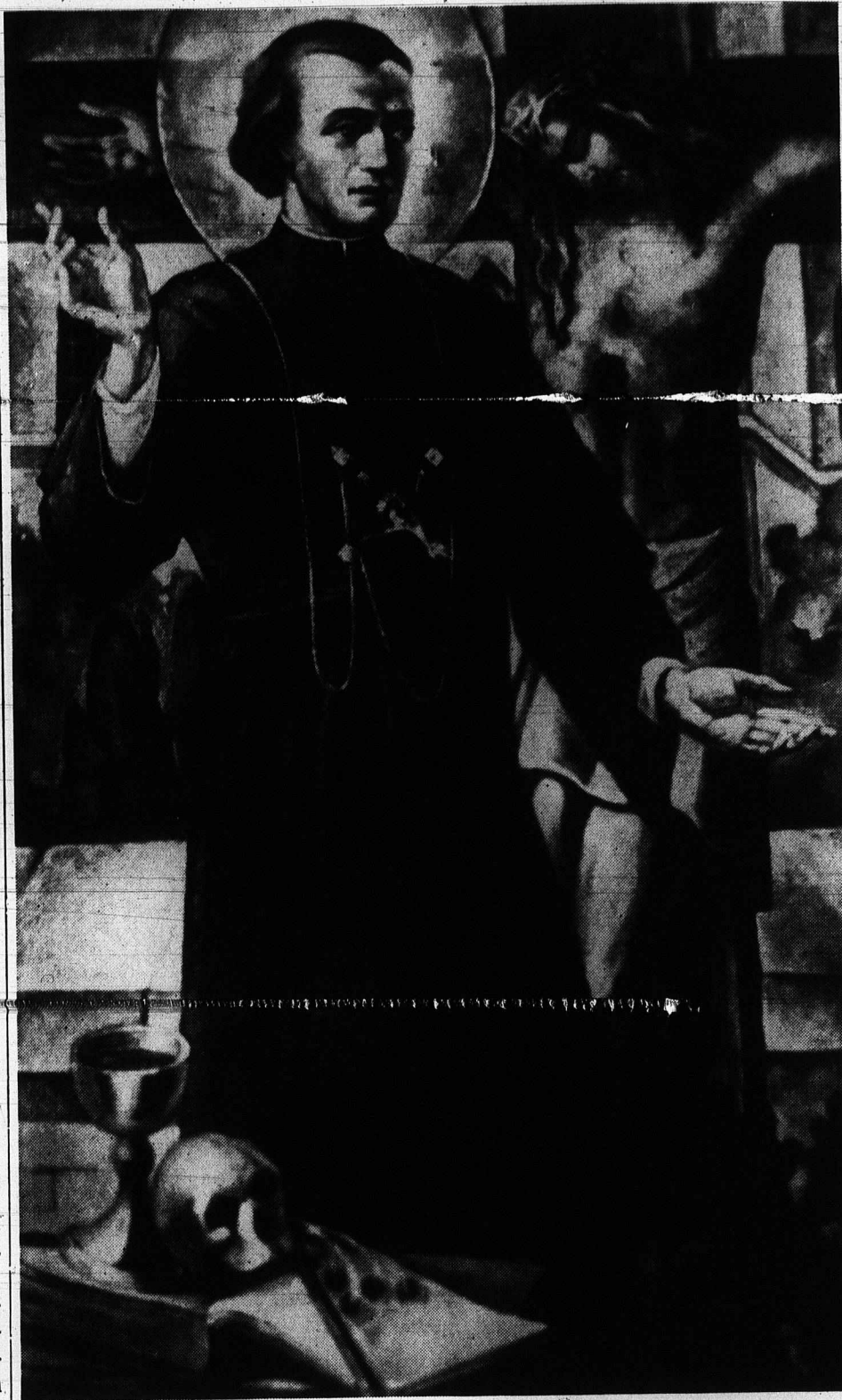
Then, at the age of eleven, Gaspar entered the seminary with little talent for books, but with a zealous application that was to earn him top honors in moral theology. Finally, when only 22 years old, he was ordained.

As a secular priest Gaspar turned his thoughts immediately toward his fellow Romans. One of his first priestly projects was to open a nightly oratory in the city for the working people who couldn't get to church during the day. At the same time he filled the post of secretary to the Confraternity of Christian doctrine, an organization founded to carry out the will of the Council of Trent in the teaching of catechism.

Exiled to Piacenza

Even at the very start of his priestly life, then, he was ever alert for opportunities to missionize. But his labors were interrupted by the summons of Napoleon's officials, and after a dramatic refusal to cooperate with them he was promptly sent away from this cherished work, from his family, his friends, and all that he knew and loved in Rome (Gaspar had never travelled more than 20 miles from home previously), to the city of Piacenza as a starting point for his dreary years of exile.

Because of his weak constitution,



Blessed Gaspar Shrine at Fribourg, Switzerland

the unhealthy climate put him on what should have been his deathbed. But at this time Gaspar's spiritual director, Francisco Albertini, saw fit to reveal to him that a certain nun had prophesied that there would be "a young man, zealous for the glory of God, who in evil times would be under his [Albertini's] direction. The distinctive mark of the young man shall be his devotion to St. Francis Xavier. He is destined to become an apostolic missionary; he shall found a new congregation of missionary priests under the title of the Divine Blood for the reform of morals and the salvation of souls and as an ornament to the secular clergy. He will draw the people from indifference and unbelief and attract all to love Christ crucified. In an evil day he will be the trumpet of the Precious Blood and will 'vanquish sinners and sectaries (freemasonry.)' Albertini realized that the prophecy was to be fulfilled in Gaspar and urged him to pray for recovery; Gaspar did and was soon well again.

A new congregation planned

It was to be a while before Gaspar could fulfill the prophetic message completely, for he and the Church were to suffer a good deal under Napoleon's hand. The unwieldy priests who still refused to comply with the tyrant's demands were rigorously disciplined. Gaspar was sent to Bologna where he and his fellow priests could be under stricter surveillance. It was here that Gaspar and Albertini began to formulate plans for a new congregation.

It was here, too, that Gaspar received the news of his mother's death: news which almost crushed him, as there was always a stronger bond than blood between them. In addition to this, force was again applied to win Gaspar over to the Napoleonic cause; if not force, tempting bribes and even flattery. Gaspar still refused and was then made to suffer imprisonment in an old Italian fortress where filth and decay kept him company.

After this came a series of prisonings.

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CPPS Members Honor Gaspar Thru 117 Years

By Joseph Rodak

In the 117 years since Gaspar del Bufalo's death, the Society of the Precious Blood has honored its founder by various liturgical functions, prayers, devotions, and other exercises.

December 28 is the feast day celebrated in all the houses and parishes of the Society with a proper Mass and Office. Besides these liturgical devotions, minor prayers and ejaculations in honor of Gaspar are included in the daily schedule of the priests, brothers, and seminarians. Occasionally in the past, also, members of the Society have left contributions in art, literature, and music to further the veneration of their founder.

In the major houses a triduum is offered in preparation for the feast. This devotion consists of three salutations to Gaspar in the presence of his exposed relic. The Te Deum is

solemnly chanted on the feast day itself. As in the case in the veneration of all Beati, the Mass and Office are proper only to those who have a special connection with the holy person. In the case of Gaspar, the feast is celebrated in all the churches under the charge of the Fathers of the Precious Blood. In Rome, though, it is celebrated by all parish priests, but on a different day—January 2.

Prayers of thanksgiving

The daily prayer for Blessed Gaspar's canonization, said by all C.P.P.S. priests, brothers, and students, will now give way to prayers of thanksgiving. This prayer was the result of the combined efforts of the late Archbishop McNicholas of Cincinnati and Father Edwin Kaiser. It bears His Excellency's Imprimatur and a 100-day indulgence.

Another contribution from the pen of Father Kaiser is his biography of Blessed Gaspar. This book, published in 1933, is still the lone major American treatment of Gaspar's life.

Other signs of personal devotion have shown up on canvas. The picture of Gaspar decorating his shrine at Brunnerdale Seminary is the work of Father Paulinus Trost. Another painting of Gaspar by Father Trost hangs in a corridor of St. Charles Seminary. The major Seminary also boasts an impressive shrine to del Bufalo containing a large relic of the patron. The shrine was erected in 1935, when the Messenger under Father Charles Davitt gave a new altar and a dossal for the statue of Gaspar.

Exposition of relic

The shrine of Gaspar in St. Joseph's Chapel is the work of several priests on the campus, especially Father Richard Baird. A relic of the Beatus is permanently exposed and venerated at this altar. The musicians of the society have left several pieces in honor of the founder. The most popular of these is perhaps the four-voiced Offertory completed by Father Rudolph Bierberg in 1943. Since then "Beati," as the Offertory is called, has replaced the chanted version in the houses of the Society. Father Justin Henkel, who died in 1931, has left two hymns in honor of Blessed Gaspar which are now printed in the Precious Blood Hymnal. The more familiar "Sanguis Christi" found in the same book is the work of Father Othmar Knapke, who died in 1939.

In addition to these devotions, there are a number of incidental clubs, discussion groups, and the like that have chosen to work under the patronage or in honor of Gaspar. The most recent of these is a discussion club set up at Brunnerdale Seminary, Canton, Ohio, by Fathers Cletus Foltz, Andrew Pollock, and Anthony Teolis. Its purpose is the study of the life of Gaspar himself.

Study club formed

The priesthood students at St. Joseph's College have a study club whose object is likewise the more complete knowledge of Blessed Gaspar. This club edits the annual pamphlet, "A Salute to Blessed Gaspar." They also have charge of the small shrine erected in Xavier Hall for the exposition of a relic of the saint-to-be.

The League of Blessed Gaspar, formed at St. Charles Seminary in the thirties, had as its aim the spread of knowledge of del Bufalo and the promotion of his cause. Under Father Richard Baird the league printed and distributed for the first time in America relic cards of the founder. They also distributed copies of his life and collected petitions for his canonization. At the present time, this club is united with the entire mission unit, which is under the patronage of Gaspar.

More recently, Father Baird has supervised the making of a new bust, charcoal sketch, and oil painting of Blessed Gaspar by professional artists, as well as the publication of his life in a 1949 issue of Topix, a picture book for youngsters.



Shrine at St. Charles Seminary

Gaspar Finds Society In Italy

By Gregor Dues

On the Feast of the Assumption, 1815, in Giano, Italy, Gaspar del Bufalo banded together a small group of secular missionaries under the title of the Most Precious Blood. The founding of the new community flowed from Gaspar's missionary zeal and his love for the Precious Blood. The event fulfilled a prophecy made by a nun of the Incarnate Word soon after the turn of the 19th century.

Gaspar began his plans for the new society while in exile at Bologna. He had been sent into exile in 1810 because of his refusal to take the oath of loyalty to Napoleon during the latter's invasion of Italy. After spending four years of imprisonment at Piacenza, Bologna, Imola, and Lugo, he returned once more to Rome. There he found a group of priests who had congregated for purposes much like his own. Laying aside his special plans for a new society, he joined the group. One by one the priests left, and within a year it fell upon Gaspar to officially found the Society of the Most Precious Blood.

Opposition arose

Difficulties and opposition arose immediately after the founding of the new congregation. Some people

thought the title "Most Precious Blood" too sacred to be attached to a group of priests. Many also objected to the large mission cross worn by Gaspar and his followers which before was worn only by bishops. Anonymous letters were sent to bishops and even to the Papal Secretary, Cardinal Consalvi, degrading Gaspar and his mission band. In 1825 Leo XII himself objected to the title "Most Precious Blood." Pius VIII, influenced by the calumny against Gaspar, withdrew in 1829 their special faculties and financial aid. In 1833 Gregory XVI refused to approve Gaspar's Rule. Only years after Gaspar's death did the opposition cease.

The Precious Blood Community existed only in Italy until 1839. In that year Father Francis Brunner founded a seminary in Switzerland. Five years later, during the winter of 1844, Father Brunner with seven priests and seven seminarians left Switzerland for America. The group came at the plea of Bishop Purcell, second bishop of Cincinnati, to take care of the German settlers in northern Ohio. After a year of mission work in the vicinity of Peru in northeastern Ohio, the missionaries extended their work to the western part of the

state.

American Province approved

In 1858 the American Province was approved by a general congress of the congregation in Rome. Five years later, 1863, a California Province was attempted, but was abandoned very shortly.

The work of the Society in America was broadened in 1891 to include Catholic education. Later the Precious Blood priests entered chaplain work and the negro missions.

On September 16, 1947, two missionaries of the American Province landed in Chile, South America. Since then 17 priests have followed them—making the foreign missions an important part of the Society's work.

The most recent expansion was the opening of a Spanish Vicariate at Fuente de Cantos on November 29, 1953, by the German Province. The German Province has maintained a Vicariate in Brazil for many years.

The American Province grew more quickly than either the Italian or the Teutonic Province of Germany and Austria. Today there are more than 400 American Precious Blood priests—more than half the total of the entire Society.

U.S. Province Thrives

By John Miller

Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Chile, Brazil, and the United States—these are the countries in which the Society of the Most Precious Blood is active in practically every field of apostolic service. But the American Province has outgrown all the others.

One hundred and ten years ago the first seven Sanguinist missionaries set foot on American soil, and in the comparatively short period of a century the Society has prospered to the point where 402 priests and 69 lay brothers work for the American Church under the patronage of Blessed Gaspar and the banner of Christ's Blood. Added to these are 303 seminarians and six lay brother novices.

Community houses widely scattered

The six Houses of the Community are situated in Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania. Three, St. Charles Seminary, St. Joseph's College, and Brunnerdale Seminary, are institutions of learning, and the other three consist of a Novitiate at Burkettsville, Ohio, for aspirants to profession in the Society, a mission house at New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, and the Curia or headquarters for the American Province at Dayton, Ohio.

Early in the annals of its American history the Community began to expand its activities beyond the parishes it had accepted among the German-speaking farmers of western Ohio. One of its first tasks outside of parochial work was the education of Catholic youth, which began with the incorporation of St. Joseph's College in 1889.

200 missions are conducted

A trained mission band of 18 priests conduct over 200 missions, retreats, and spiritual exercises annually throughout the country. A total of 101 parishes are under the direction of Precious Blood Fathers, while in another 34 parishes Sanguinists act as auxiliaries to the diocesan clergy. Thirty-nine mission churches without resident pastors and 42 resident chaplaincies in convents and hospitals are served by members of the Community.

In World War II the Society sent over 40 chaplains into the service, and at present 14 are serving God and Country in the uniforms of all branches.

Recently, in 1947, another step in the progress of the American Province was taken when a small band of missionaries departed for the foreign missions in Chile. It was the first time that such an attempt had been made by American Sanguinists, though several years previously members of the German province, mother of the American one, had established a mission on the Xingu River in the jungle area of Brazil. At present 19 men are working in a number of poor Chilean parishes.

For permission to set up mission houses in the territory. Permission was granted and Gaspar set to work. In this he was positively fearless. Unarmed, unguarded, he walked about speaking kindly to the scoundrels and won them over completely. Towns with scores of bandits were conquered, not by the expense of the government, not by guns and the shedding of blood, but by the religious instruction of a few priests, headed by the indomitable leader, Father del Bufalo.

Blessed Gaspar has never ceased to be an intercessor. Numerous favors, some great, some small, are continually received through him.



Gaspar preaching to robbers.

Miracles Play Role

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A miracle in Italy

Taking the place of the 1947 miracle, then, was the restoration of health to Orsola Bono in 1934 at Sezze, a town 45 miles southeast of Rome. A malignant tumor about the size of a fist was found in the woman's abdomen. Because her weak condition precluded an operation, she was taken to her home to die.

Already in the beginning, Orsola's daughter, a Sister Giulia of the Adorers of the Precious Blood, had urged her to resign herself to the care of Blessed Gaspar. The daughter also had her swallow in water a few threads which had touched the body of Gaspar. In May, the patient was lying on her bed unable to sleep when Blessed Gaspar appeared to her and assured her of a cure very soon. Every trace of the disease had vanished by the next morning.

These latter two miracles proved to be sufficient for Gaspar's canonization. The two miracles used previously for his beatification in 1904 are equally interesting.

The cure of a shepherd

One of them was the cure of a shepherd, Ottavio Lo Stocco of Lenola in 1838, the year after Gaspar's death. The man had been suffering from various maladies from boyhood, and his habits of wine and tobacco did not help him. Finally, his cough led to a serious form of pleurisy and to serious danger of death. His condition grew steadily worse until he began coughing up pieces of his lungs. His then bad case of tuberculosis was declared hopeless.

At this time, Canon Verardi, a priest of the vicinity, gave an aunt of Ottavio's some threads of Gaspar's clothing. Ottavio drank the threads in water and the next day and for 30 years after, no sign of the sickness appeared.

The immediate and miraculous cure of Clementina Masini, who had been suffering from chronic peritonitis and fistula, was the accompanying miracle used for Gaspar's beatification on December 18, 1904.

A power over nature

Blessed Gaspar was no St. Anthony during his life, but he did work several miracles which aided him tremendously in his missionary activity. At various times he possessed power over nature, as for example, the time he let no rain fall upon those whom he was addressing while on the outside of the crowd the rain fell in torrents. There are instances of bilocation, times when Gaspar was seen to rise in the air before the Blessed Sacrament, examples of the gift of prophecy. However, Gaspar's greatest gift was undoubtedly his ability to see into the human heart, to penetrate the soul of the sinner and, as it were, move him directly to his Creator.

It was this precious prize that enabled Gaspar to accomplish such magnificent work with the banditti in and around Rome.

Whole towns in the Papal States had been taken over by bandits at this time. The government was helpless; the people, those who were not actually bandits, were rapidly becoming demoralized. Cardinal Christaldi, a great personal friend of Gaspar's, approached the Pope

Founding a New Society



Blessed Gaspar presenting his Rule to the Holy Father

Sketch of a Saint-to-Be

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ons, each one more wretched than the last, until finally in 1814, after four years, he was free to launch his missionary career. This he did with all the spiritual force built up during the years of exile.

An assignment from the Pope

His work was soon called to the attention of Pius VII who listened with pleasure at the reports concerning this new credit to the Roman clergy; as a result the Pontiff personally assigned Gaspar to the home missions. Del Bufalo promptly obeyed the Holy Father's wish even though he was at that time nurturing a desire to enter the Jesuit order in an attempt to satisfy his ever present desire to mortify himself in the peace and solitude which the monastery offers. This assignment was the foundation on which he was to build his own community, the Society of the Precious Blood. The story of its establishment is told elsewhere in this issue.

Though beset by all the worries and setbacks that the growing pains of a new order entail, Gaspar still

managed to carry on his regular mission work around Rome. Not content with overthrowing the cancerous freemasonry, he set his sights on the organized gangsterism of Italy as well. This story, too, is told elsewhere in this issue.

The strain of this mission work coupled with worries about the new community began to take its toll. Preaching was growing harder for the founder. Seven years he had almost continually suffered from inflammation of the gums, and he was now losing his teeth. His lungs and voice became weaker; stomach disorders harassed him; tuberculosis was ever imminent; but despite all, he was able at times to work as if he were the picture of health. These times became fewer and fewer until one of the most heroic acts of his life toppled whatever resistance he had.

The then dreaded cholera broke out within the papal states; the epidemic swept towards Rome and engulfed that city with all the terrors of the plague. The Pope had ordered the preaching of penance to the people in an attempt to calm them and to make them petition God for help. Gaspar was one of those assigned; and he went to it with his usual enthusiasm.

While everyone able was fleeing Rome, Gaspar arrived from Albano where he had been staying and set

Six Other Saints, Three New Beati This Year

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was martyred in 1841. He was beatified on November 16, 1889.

Blessed Dominic Savio was born in the tiny village of Riva di Chieri in Piedmont on April 2, 1842. He was one of the first pupils of St. John Bosco, the founder of the Salesian Society. Though only 15 years of age at the time of his death in 1857, he had attained a high degree of sanctity. Pope Pius XII beatified Blessed Dominic in 1950.

Blessed Maria Crocifissa di Rosa was born in Italy in 1813. She sanctified many by the congregation she founded, the Handmaids of Charity. She died in 1855, famous for the virtues of obedience and patience, and was declared Venerable by Blessed Pius X in 1909.

Martyred in Italy

Venerable Maria Assunta Pallota was born in Italy in 1878. She joined the Congregation of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, and at the age of 26 was sent to Shan-si, in China. Exactly one year after leaving Italy she died a martyr's death at Toung-eul-Ken, China. The cause of her beatification was introduced by Pope Pius XI in 1923.

Venerable Jean Martin Moya, founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence, was born at Cutting, Lorraine, in 1730. He was fired by a missionary zeal equalled by few men, and spent the years from 1773 to 1784 at Sutchen, in China. He was forced to return to Europe because of ill health. Exiled by the French Revolution, he died while ministering to the sick during a typhoid epidemic at Trier.

Venerable Placido Riccardi, a member of the Order of St. Benedict, was born at Trebbia in Umbria in 1844. He joined the Benedictines in 1866, and took final vows on March 26, 1871. He died a holy death in 1915, distinguished by his devotion to the mysteries of the Passion and to the Mother of God. Pius XII introduced the cause of his beatification and canonization in 1945.

about to fulfill the Holy Father's demand; and when the cholera did strike Rome, he did his best to alleviate suffering wherever possible. This sapped his remaining strength, and upon returning to Albano, he was forced to his bed. He still managed, however, to say his office and celebrate Mass in the mornings. But eventually the doctor forbade both, and on December 23, 1837, Gaspar was confined to his little room, which he would never leave again. He died five days later.

Founder Beatified In 1904 By Pius X

By John Falter

Even the Devil's Advocate had to admit that his case against Gaspar had crumbled to pieces when it came to tireless preaching, painful journeys, and uncomfortable priestly labors. Personal sacrifice—that was the fortress against which the Advocate had made his attacks in vain. Of all Gaspar's armor, it was this weapon which had shattered the affront of the Devil.

(The Devil's Advocate, officially the "Promoter of the Faith," is the ecclesiastical lawyer whose job it is to prosecute the cause of the saint in question. Regardless of how ridiculous his criticism may become, he will hold before the court the saint's every fault, imperfection, and oddity. He promotes the Faith in the sense that he permits no phony pretender to reach canonization.)

A decree of Gaspar's beatification states the following:

"He thought no work of love or charity out of his way, and he spared no pains to help men gain Christ."

Heavenly things came first

He did not lay aside his free time for himself. It was spent in caring for the sick and the poor and in visiting prisons. He took per-

sonal interest in orphans and obtained support for them. Anything in general that had to do with the saving of a soul or the honor of God was given first attention, without regard for his own convenience. In all matters he placed the heavenly above the earthly, others above himself. For example, even when a charitable work might endanger his health, states the decree, he exchanged the rest he could lawfully take, for bringing to men a greater knowledge and love of God.

Yet Gaspar's course in the process of beatification was by no means easy. Before he could be called Blessed, he had to survive three important obstacles. They were the acceptance of the cause by Rome, a thorough investigation which followed, and the approval of two miracles worked since his death. Concerning the latter, an experienced investigator once said with a smile that "some of the miracles of our Lord would not pass the scrutiny of the Congregation."

Proof of virtues needed

Of the three barriers, however, the miracles are not the most diffi-

cult to surmount. The examination of the saint's personal life is more important. It must be proved conclusively that he has practiced the Theological and the Cardinal Virtues—each in a heroic degree. The inquiry on this point is long, systematic, and thorough. Humanly speaking, there is not a chance for anyone but a saint to get by.

Two and a half years after Gaspar had died, his cause had begun. It had been in demand from the moment of his death. The town which had harbored his body had become a center of thronging pilgrimages. Cardinal Falconieri of Ravenna had ordered collections in his arch-diocese to boost the cause to an early start. Fifteen years later the first stage of the process was completed. Pope Pius IX, in 1852, recognized the worthiness of the cause and approved.

Finally, 52 years later the beatification process was brought to a successful conclusion. On Dec. 18, 1904, Pius X in the midst of joyful celebration raised the founder of the Society of the Precious Blood to the honor of the Blessed.



THE PROBABLE BASEBALL PUMAS OF ST. JOSEPH'S as they appeared at the beginning of the 1954 practice season. In the front row, left to right: Dick Dwinell, Ralph Meyer, Non Normandt, Bob Wasni, Maurie Garvey, Tom Dudeck and Tom Weber. Back row: Don Merki, George Smolar, Willie Kellogg, Bill Schulte, Al Greto, Ted Ashburner, Joe Gerba, Gene Eifrid, Ray Dowd and Bob Fox. Although rained out in their first two scheduled appearances the Pumas opened their season against Franklin at Franklin last Monday. Dick Dwinell worked the opening game for St. Joe.

Ferocious Puma Ravages Countryside, Inspires Tradition of Fighting Team

By Vince Agnew

Pumas! Pumas! P-U-M-A-S!

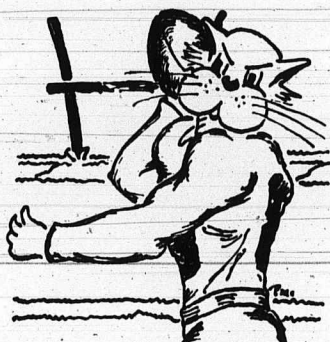
A familiar yell to all St. Joe's sports fans, the word itself stands unique as the nickname of a college athletic team. Cougar, lion, tiger, panther—all come in for their share of athletic recognition. The puma seems to be the one name among the feline family which has been ignored—until about 14 years ago, that is, when it was adopted by St. Joseph's under rather unusual circumstances.

At that time a strange animal was ravaging the farm livestock of the Jasper County area, generally terrorizing the countryside while defying all attempts to trap or kill it. Striking with audacity and cunning at places least expected, this midnight marauder seemed to fade into oblivion after making its

kill, only to reappear later in a different locale.

Hunters Called In

As the situation became more desperate, professional hunters were called in to track down and destroy the nemesis. All signs indicated that the beast was the dreaded American panther, or puma, supposedly extinct in this region of America. Also called a cougar or mountain lion, the puma is a big, tawny-colored cat with strength and cunning enough to terrorize a whole countryside, just as this animal was doing. It was



carrying on a red-hot rivalry with the Louisville University Cardinals, and competing with several other Cardinal contingents during their athletic seasons. The situation was such that when the Cardinals beat the Cardinals, one wasn't quite sure who had won.

Heads Together

St. Joe's athletic department decided to do something about this dilemma and, putting their heads together, it didn't take long to come up with the name "Pumas," the activities of the rampaging beast being foremost in the thoughts of everyone at the time.

The wily brute was never caught. He simply vanished from the scene as suddenly as he had appeared. Why the animal ceased his prowling when he did, and where he disappeared to, still remain mysteries. But shortly after that, the new St. Joseph's Pumas went undefeated in three successive seasons of football, mauling many opponents mercilessly and living up to their name.

The animal's weird visitation is

causing such consternation that the Chicago newspapers carried regular accounts of the hunt's progress.

While all this was going on, St. Joseph's College Cardinals were



Pumatters

By Dick Obergfell

In the race for the biggest award in the ICC, the All Sports trophy, Butler is quickly pulling away from all competitors. The Bulldogs by finishing first in football, co-champs in basketball, and second in cross country have compiled a 40.3 percentage. The Pumas are on the opposite end with a 9.0 mark. Points may still be gained in baseball, track, golf, and tennis.

Before we bury the basketball season, a quick look at some final records set in conference play this year. Six new single game records were established and St. Joseph's, Don Merki, accounted for three of these. Don holds the best 12 game average (23.4), most free throws attempted (21), and the most free throws scored (16). Don now holds nine all-time ICC marks.

Flash! An intercepted report from a student spotter on next year's faculty-student basketball game.

Fr. Maziarz.....over-trained (either muscle bound or old age)
Fr. Schmuck.....shoots and prays
Fr. Kuhns.....would play better with background music
Fr. Smolar.....can't see the ball when he dribbles
Mr. Ruble.....dirty ball player—mean—watch him
Fr. Nagle.....dark horse—looks like a ringer
Mr. Scharf.....good field—no hit

Thank You, R. N.

The 1954 golf schedule has been completed with the addition of two matches with Glenview N. A. S. The Pumas meet Glenview at home on May 8 and travel to Chicago to tangle with the sailors on May 18. Congratulations to the Basketeers and King Pins for bringing back championships in basketball and bowling in the recent Extramural meet.

It seems that the plague of baseball season is upon us. In a recent batting practice Coach Beane was showing the boys the proper hitting stance . . . results one lost baseball and one broken window. Lucky for the Science Dorm there's no portside swingers on this year's squad.

Norm Hudecki is the newest addition to the casualty list. Norm is laid up with a fractured jaw received during the spring football practice. The diamond squad is also having their share of injuries with first baseman Jim Station and catcher George Vanderwell out on crutches.

Another game has been added to the baseball schedule—Chicago Teachers on April 12.

St. Joseph's Second In Loras Tourney

By Jim McLaughlin

St. Joseph's College won two individual crowns and placed second in the College Extramural meet at Lewis College, Lockport, Ill., on March 26 and 27. St. Joe was represented by 28 men who competed in four sports: basketball, volleyball, ping pong, and bowling. St. Norbert's College of West De Pere, Wis., was the winner of the meet. Other teams participating were Lewis College, Lockport, Ill., and Loras, and St. Joe.

The basketball crown went to the Basketeers of St. Joe's, coached by Jim Righeimer. In the opening game of the tournament Friday evening, the Basketeers defeated the team from St. Norbert's, 75-71. Pete Fenlon, Jerry Benigni, Roy Meyer, and Frank Schroeder did the bulk of the scoring for the Pumas.

Championship Game

In the championship game, Saturday, Loras fell to the Basketeers, 65-51. Again the same four men did the scoring. Members of the Basketeers making the trip were Fenlon, Meyer, Schroeder, Benigni, Joe Dulin, George Kalaphut, Vince Agnew, Gene Beining, and Paul Steigmeyer.

The Kingpins, St. Joseph's entry in the bowling tournament, took first place by nipping Lewis by 26 pins. Members of the Kingpins were Gus Pasquini, Tom Radzinski, Bohdan Strawniak, Bob Michalski, John Hentschel.

Lewis Wins Volleyball

St. Joseph's entry in the volleyball tournament was defeated in the opening round by Lewis. The scores of the two games were 8-7 and 10-8.

Steve Oleszkiewicz lost to the representative of Loras College in the ping pong tournament. Steve won the first of the two-out-of-three series, but dropped the next two

just a legend now, but his name and fighting spirit will live on as long as one St. Joe sports enthusiast has the breath to yell "Go you Pumas."

Puma Cindermen To Appear In Eight Meets

St. Joseph's cinder squad, 36 strong, will appear in eight meets during the coming track season, according to Virgil Robbins, newly appointed track coach.

Thus far, bad weather has hampered the squad in early workouts. However, segments of the team have looked promising in two early meets at Wabash College on April 3 and at Ball State Teachers College on April 6.

Senior George Kuhn will handle the distance events with the aid of several freshmen who have not yet been chosen. Middle distance men Carl Jaeger and Neil Stewart have looked very good in early practice. A large number of candidates have turned out for the sprint positions. Several promising sprinters are in the group but no selections have yet been made.

The Pumas will travel to Franklin College on April 13 for a dual meet. The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

Indiana State.....	April 21
Invitational Rose Poly Relays	April 24
Valparaiso	April 27
Manchester	May 1
ICC Meet at DePauw.....	May 8
Little State Meet at Ball State	May 15
Big State Meet at Purdue	May 22

games. Scores were 17-21, 21-18, and 21-12.

The team returned to Collegeville Saturday evening. Members of the winning teams received individual trophies. Team trophies were also given. St. Joe's overnight headquarters was at the Woodruff Hotel in Joliet.

Monogram Club Holds Initiation

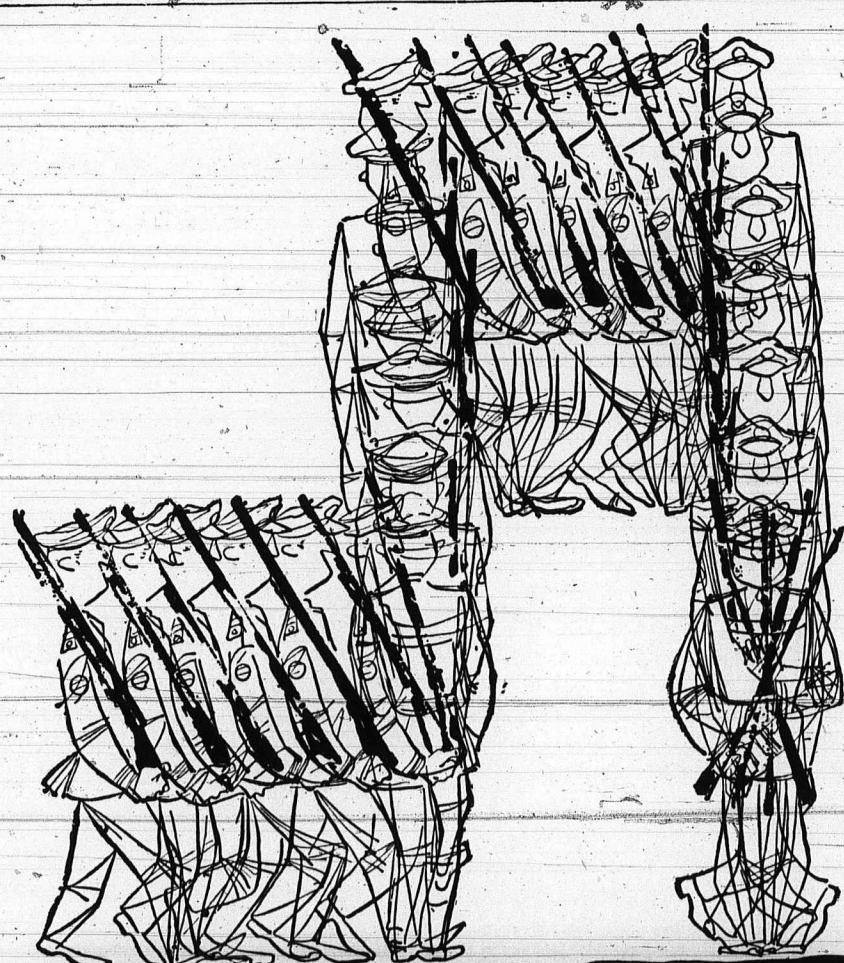
Eleven members of St. Joseph's student body were accepted into the Monogram Club on Tuesday, April 6, according to John Thorpe, club president. The club is open only to those who are awarded a monogram for varsity athletics.

Those admitted to the club were Gilbert Parent, Jerry Campagna, Bill Bazil, Frank Syzmanski, John Weisler, Tom Dudeck, Joe Kneip, Dick Dwinell, Don Normandt, Jim Zid, and Bernie Horn.

A period of initiation, lasting for seven days, preceded the investiture ceremonies held Tuesday evening.

Hall of Fame Proposed

A proposed St. Joseph's Hall of Fame is being discussed by the Student Council. The purpose of this Hall of Fame would be to exhibit pictures of outstanding St. Joseph athletes in the field house. These pictures would be approximately two feet tall and are to be taken by the student photographers. The Hall of Fame will date back to 1938 and nominations will be made by the coaches.



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HN President Explains Aims

This is the first in a series of articles by Thomas Shworles, president of St. Joseph's Holy Name Society.

The Holy Name Society is a society for MEN. As president of your Holy Name Society, I address you as men—which means that there is nothing contained herein which is phony, meant to deceive, or insincere. Two qualities of a man are frankness and sincerity, and this is written in such a spirit.

Students want to know the goal of such a society. Will it be alive and productive, or will it be added

to the list of stagnant organizations that exist on our campus in name only?

I could not answer this question a month ago, for I knew only little about the society and was not convinced of the needs and goals of such an organization on our campus. At this time, I can see the society existing on our campus in a dynamic way and directed toward a noble end.

A Religious Goal

The end or goal of the society is a religious one. It can help us step up the pace of our adoration of Christ. Athlete or scholar, "big man on the campus," none of these alone are capable of taking life by storm. Simply stated, we need help. And this is where the Holy Name Society enters the picture.

Without grace, we cannot beat this game called life. Grace will follow upon adoration, and acts of adoration can be made in increasing numbers here on campus by manly and reciprocal exchange of encouragement among the students. Not priest always pushing student, but student pushing student toward the chapel for the glory of Christ. This is the aim of the society. The society will be a group of students helping students.

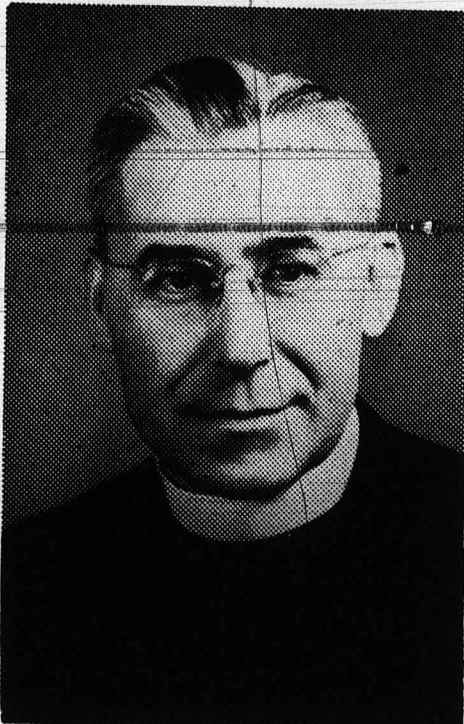
Farce To Be Avoided

To reach this end sensational means will not be used. One partic-

ular attitude that will prevail among your present officers is declared now. For the coming year, at least, the Holy Name Society will avoid farce. It will not claim to be more than it really is. If it is not internally alive, there will be no attempt to make it look otherwise on paper. Christian frankness in all our activities may well mean the difference between success and failure of the society at St. Joe's.

Important considerations have not been treated in this article. One such consideration is just what means will be used to realize the ends of the society. Another consideration concerns the society's plans for the remainder of the school year. These will be discussed in the next issue of STUFF.

Fr. Pax Named Chief



Rev. Walter T. Pax has been named Vice-Chairman of the Midwest College and University Department of the National Catholic Educational Association. He succeeds Sister M. Augustine, O.S.F., Alverno College, Milwaukee, Wis. Both appointments came at the Midwest Department's 19th annual meeting March 23.

Most Valuable Players To Recieve SC Awards

By Jim Station

The last official Student Council meeting was held in the Noll Hall Lounge on Thursday, March 25. It was decided at this meeting that trophies would be given to the most valuable player in each of the three major sports here at St. Joseph's. These trophies were purchased by the Council and will be presented to the players by the student body.

A trophy will also be presented to Jack Lee of Indiana State. Lee was named most valuable player of any of the I.C.C. opponent's squads to appear in the Collegeville field-house. Lee was elected by a vote of the Puma basketball squad, coaches and scorers.

The Council was able to secure a football scoreboard through the courtesy of the local Coca-Cola distributors at no cost to the Council or school. The scoreboard is fifteen feet by seven feet and has a clock and indicators for the score by quarters. The Council expects to have the scoreboard installed in time for the 1954 football season.

The Council is also investigating

the possibility of installing washing machines and dryers on the campus. The main problem to be looked into are those of cost and possible location of the machines.

The Council intends to sponsor a dance in Raleigh Hall on the night of May 15 for all high school students in the area. The school band will furnish the music for the dance and it will be closed to all St. Joseph students. The object of the dance is to promote good will between the school and surrounding towns. All proceeds will go to the Bennett Hall building fund.

The Student Council held another meeting on Wednesday, March 30. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the proposed Student Council Constitution for next year.

\$600 in Prizes To Go to Writers

Three awards totaling \$600 highlight an essay contest sponsored by the Writer's Workshop of Boston, Mass. Three prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100 will be awarded for the three best essays on the subject, "Should Social Fraternities and Sororities Be Abolished?"

1. All entries must be postmarked on or before midnight, May 15, 1954. Mail entries to Writer's Workshop, P.O. Box 187, Boston, Mass.

2. Any student in the United States and its possessions who attends a college or a university, by day or evening, is eligible to participate.

3. Each entrant must enclose 50 cents to cover the cost of processing the entries.

4. A contestant may submit an unlimited number of entries, but each must be accompanied by 50 cents.

5. Entries should not exceed 500 words and all entries become the property of Writer's Workshop.

6. The decision of the judges will be final.

7. By entering this contest, the entrant agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the contest.

Frosh Plan Election

Today is the last day for freshmen to secure election forms for sophomore offices for the coming school year. These forms may be obtained from the present class officers: Fred Andres, Science Dorm; Hal Newman, Science Dorm; Bob Gasior, Seifert 107; and Ed Arenz, Seifert 251.

The elections will be held about April 27. There will be no organized campaigning.

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